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In re application of: Clark

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For: **MODIFIED TUMOR NECROSIS FACTOR**

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2002. A petition for an extension of time and the appropriate fee accompany this response. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and that the rejection of claims in the application be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In the Claims

Please add new claim 24:

24. (New) The modified TNF of claim 1 wherein said PEG is covalently bound to primary amine groups on said TNF through a biocompatible linker.

Please amend claim 3 to read as follows:

3. (Amended) The modified TNF of claim 24 wherein said linker is selected from the group consisting of succinimidyl succinate, succinimidyl propionate, and N-hydroxy succinimidyl.

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